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(U) San Diego – Man Accused of Simulating Mass Shooting Faces Multiple Felonies, Including Weapons Charges

(U) A Spring Valley man who authorities say recorded himself practicing carrying out a mass shooting from a downtown San Diego hotel room was charged with several felonies on 9 December, including illegal weapons possession. The charges against Steve Homoki do not specifically arise from two short video recordings, made in March and uploaded online in September. The two videos show a man, who authorities said is Homoki, inside a corner suite of a downtown Hotel, pointing weapons at passerby's three floors down, on Broadway near Front Street. Authorities charged Homoki with illegally possessing three guns along with three felony counts of endangering his three children after authorities said a search of his home turned up several loaded guns they say were accessible to minors.

SOURCE: 9 December 2019, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) San Joaquin – County Doctor Accused of Illegally Prescribing Opioids

(U) A San Joaquin County doctor is accused of fueling the opioid crisis by prescribing drugs for no legitimate medical purpose. Dr. Edmund Kemprud, who had offices in Dublin and Tracy, was arrested on 9 December and pleaded not guilty to federal charges at his arraignment. According to prosecutors, Kemprud illegally prescribed opioids on 14 occasions between September 2018 and March of this year. He allegedly prescribed commonly abused prescription drugs including Hydrocodone, Alprazolam, and Oxycodone not for legitimate medical purposes.

SOURCE: 9 December 2019, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – 11 Chinese Nationals Found in Human Smuggling Attempt

(U) San Diego – US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers at the San Ysidro port of entry thwarted an alleged human smuggling attempt of 11 Chinese nationals concealed in a moving truck full of furniture. According to Pete Flores, CBP Director of Field Operations for San Diego, "These are human beings that smugglers subject to inhumane conditions that could have deadly consequences. Fortunately no one was seriously injured." CBP officers searched the contents of the moving truck and discovered 11 Chinese nationals concealed within various pieces of furniture.

SOURCE: 9 December 2019, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – City of Pensacola Experiences Apparent Cyber Attack

(U) Pensacola – The city of Pensacola, Florida, said it has experienced a cyber "incident" and has disconnected several city services until the issue can be resolved. The city has been dealing with a cyberattack since 6 December. The issue has impacted city emails and phones, 311 customer service and online payments, including Pensacola Energy and Pensacola Sanitation Services. However, 911 and

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emergency services are not impacted. Officials for the city are unsure whether the incident is related to the 6 December shooting at Pensacola Naval Air Station that the FBI is investigating as a possible terror attack.

SOURCE: 9 December 2019, [CNN](#)

(U) Rhode Island – Town Computers Fall Victim to ‘Ransomware’ Attack

(U) East Greenwich – A cyberattack has knocked out some parts of the town computer network in East Greenwich, according to Town Manager Andrew Nota. The hackers appeared to be employing ransomware, making a demand of the town and holding their data hostage. Nota said the town’s IT department immediately severed all outside network contact in order to prevent further exposure to the hackers. He said they did not read the full demand and did not know precisely what the hackers were seeking. The town’s IT department is still assessing the loss of data and other potential impacts, but believes the town’s quick actions limited the extent of the damage.

SOURCE: 8 December 2019, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Czech Republic – Gunman Kills Six in Czech Hospital Waiting Room before Shooting Self**

(U) Ostrava – A 42-year-old gunman killed six people on 10 December at a hospital waiting room in the city of Ostrava before fleeing and fatally shooting himself in the head, police said. It was the worst shooting in the Czech Republic since a man shot eight people dead and then killed himself at a restaurant in Uhersky Brod in 2015. It was unclear what motivated the shooting. The shooter, identified as Ctirad Vitasek, was a construction technician with a criminal history. Vitasek shot the victims, all adults, at close range with a 9mm Czech made handgun.

SOURCE: 9 December 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Japan – Police Catch Three Trading Uranium Online

(U) Tokyo – Japanese police have caught 3 people, including a teenager, trading uranium online in violation of laws on nuclear materials. A 17-year-old high school student and 61-year-old pharmacist are suspected of buying uranium in an online auction. The seller, a 24-year-old man, was selling small amounts of depleted uranium and natural uranium on an online auction site. All three have been referred to prosecutors, admitted to the charges, but said they were motivated by an interest in chemistry, with no intention to use the material for unlawful purposes.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Man Arrested for Suspected Terror Offences

(U) Bristol – A man has been arrested in Bristol on suspicion of Islamist-related terrorism offences, police have said. The 33-year-old was detained on 9 December as part of a planned operation in Clifton. Police said there was no risk to the public and the arrest was not linked to the recent London Bridge terror attack. The suspect is being held on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [BBC](#)

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